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308. Of the total number of 7,485 births, 44 mothers died of child birth, yielding a maternal mortality rate of 5.8 per 1,000 births; while 600 was the number of deaths of children under one year of age. The infant mortality rate worked out to 80·1 for 1,000 live births. The main causes of death were (1) prematurity, (2) convulsion, (3) diarrhœa and (4) respiratory diseases.

309. A sum of Rs. 39·49 lakhs was sanctioned for the improvement of water supply in Mysore.

310. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India, was at Mysore in the months of July and August 1954. On 9th August 1954, the President of India had a State drive round the City of Mysore. On the 23rd August, Dr. Rajendra Prasad left Mysore for Bhadravathi.

311. Dasara, as usual was celebrated during the year in the months of September and October 1954.

312. From 25th to 27th January 1955, the 31st Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission was held at Mysore.

Relief to the Poor.

313. Distribution of doles (rice) to about 350 disabled people was continued up to the end of September 1953 when the municipal grant of Rs. 375 per mensem was diverted towards the Municipal Poor Students' Feeding Committee Funds as resolved by the Municipal Council.

(xiv) Mysore City Improvement Trust Board.

314. The total number of Board meetings held was 15, out of which 12 were ordinary and three special.

315. Owing to the several difficulties met with for the construction of buildings in the new extensions, regarding water supply and underground drainage, etc., the possibility of providing accommodation to the minimum extent was investigated. Some of the vacant sites and bits of land inside the city proper were sold to persons who were in urgent need of sites or to adjacent house owners for putting up additional structures thereon. Further action was taken to form sites wherever vacant lands were available to meet the heavy demand for the sites from the public.

316. Survey lands were acquired and sites were laid round about the city on a large scale. Sites were also

formed in Jayanagar, Saraswathipuram, Yadavagiri, Kesare Block, Chamundipuram, area to the south of Shankar Mutt along Ramanuja Road, Adipampa Road, Kalasagere, south of Paduvarhalli, area opposite to B.T.Oil Mills.

317. Four hundred and twenty-eight sites were available at the beginning of the year, 51 new sites were formed and including the 4 sites resumed, the total number of sites for sale aggregated 482, out of this, 139 sites were sold.

318. Most of the sites formed were cottage sites which were within the purchasing power of the poor and middle class people. The price was recovered in many cases by instalments. Bungalow and shop sites as well as sites for cinemas were sold by public auction. Free grant of sites were also made to the public, religious and charitable institutions like hostels, and educational institutions. As far as possible, each independent major layout was formed on a financially self-supporting basis. The sites were allotted only to persons who own no houses or sites in the city and also to those who were dispossessed by acquisition for slum clearance, etc.

319. Sanction was accorded for underground drainage and water supply works in Yadavagiri, Bannimantap, Saraswathipuram extensions and Jayalakshmipuram.

320. Including stock and suspense heads, the total expenditure incurred under all heads comprised in the Trust Board funds amounted to Rs. 22,60,254 of which the work expenditure amounted to Rs. 13,88,222 during the year.

(xv) Kolar Gold Field Sanitary Board.

321. As the term of the K.G.F. Sanitary Board, as reconstituted for a period of one year from 1st July 1953 expired on 30th June 1954, it was further constituted for a period of one year from 1st July 1954. The total number of members continued to be 26 as during the previous year. Finance.

322. The total receipts of the Board inclusive of the opening balance was Rs. 5,80,342 (5,68,398) and the total expenditure was Rs. 4,82,708 (4,79,672). The realisations under the head "House and shop taxes", "Octroi" and "Markets" were Rs. 64,178 (54,459), Rs. 1,39,183 (1,29,020) and Rs. 1,12,602 (87,073) respectively. Constitution